



Make Storytelling Part of Your Day

We help children learn about storytelling when we talk about events in the past or future, or when we summarize the main events in a story. Here are some ways to encourage children to join in on these conversations:

Play Time

Create a comic strip with the child that tells a story with their pictures. Ask questions that help the child develop a plot like, “What’s happening now?” or “What is going to happen next?” Encourage the child to share their comic strip with someone else so they can talk about the story they created.



Daily Activities

Use mealtime as a time to talk about what happened that day. If there was an interesting event, encourage the child to tell a story about their experience to someone who wasn’t there. For example, you could say, “Tell Grandma about the otter exhibit we saw at the zoo today.”

On the Go

While you help the child pack their backpack, recall a memorable time they used one of the items. For example, “I remember when you brought this water bottle to the splash pad. You loved hopping over the water jets!” Wait for the child to respond, then build on their response to help them tell a story about the experience.



Book Reading

Bring a familiar story to life by acting it out with the child. You and the child can pretend to be the characters, or you can use puppets, dolls or stuffed animals to recreate the story. For example, use animal figures, string, sticks and blocks to reenact the story of the Three Little Pigs.

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